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A few words from a Navy Medicine Scientist ...

My military career began when I earned a master's in environmental science and contacted the Naval Officer Recruiting District Tampa to explore options.

At the time, Navy Medicine was looking for environmental health officers and I had seen Navy Recruiting "100% on Watch" advertisements which appealed to my personal values.

My current assignment as an environmental health officer at Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point has been very exciting. I work with multi-disciplinary teams to apply science to help establish policies that impact Sailors and Marines. I had a unique opportunity to be influential in writing the clinic's first response code for Ebola. When there was a bed bug emergency in multiple barracks, I played a key leadership role by communicating scientific information and advising decision makers on how to apply integrated pest management to minimize the impact on readiness and morale.



In my collateral duty as an emergency manager, I had the opportunity to be an intergovernmental liaison during two winter storms and a hurricane. I also took responsibility for doing anti-terrorism drills at a time where there were many current events raising concerns over the active shooter threats.

The best part about my career in Navy Medicine is that the field of Public Health is broad, there are always new things happening, that there are plenty of opportunities for learning and teamwork. I never have a boring day.

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I sum up my current experience with Navy Medicine in one sentence by saying that commissioning as a Naval officer in the Medical Service Corps is and always will be the most significant accomplishment in my life.

Navy Medicine is superior, and if you enjoy a dynamic environment that has science and teamwork at the center, Navy Medicine is where you want to be.

My name is Geoffrey Burgerhoff and I Am Navy Medicine.



About vjohnson

- Chuck Bryan*
Fantastic work Mr. Burgerhoff! All of us back at FGCU are very impressed with the great career you have built. We Navy veterans are especially proud of you.

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